Numb. 4772

The London Gazette.

Published by Authority.

From Saturday November 18. to Tuesday November 21. 1710.

Wenna, November 12 *N. S.*

THE Baron de Koch having been lately releaſed out of the Baſtille, is arrived here, and hath given the Emperor a Melancholy Account of the exceeding Hardſhips the Priſoners of State are forced to undergo in that Place, tho' the French are treated with all Humanity in the Milaneſe. This makes the Imperial Court the more impatient to have the Prince de la Riccia exchanged; he being a Nobleman of the firſt Rank in the Kingdom of Naples, and moſt zealouſly affected to the Intereſts of the Houſe of Auſtria, for which reaſon the French treat him with particular Severities. All our Advices from Conſtantinople confirm the peaceable Diſpoſition of the Port, notwithſtanding the Artifices that have been uſed to perſwade the Turks to a Rupture. General Heiſter having obtained leave from the Emperor to retire to his Eſtate in Stiria, for the Recovery of his Health, his Imperial Majeſty has conferred the Command of the Army, during his Abſence, on Count Palfi, who is thereupon ſet out from Presbourg to Buda, in order to ſettle the Winter Quarters, and aſſign the reſpective Poſts for the Troops in thoſe Parts. Our Letters from Presbourg inform us, that the Contagion that had appeared in ſeveral Parts of Hungary was entirely ceaſed in moſt Places, and began every Day to abate in the reſt.

Bruſſels, November 26. *N. S.* The Duke of Marlborough and the Prince of Savoy ſet out from hence yeſterday Morning on their Journey towards the Hague. The Cardinal de Bouillon made uſe of the Opportunity of the ſame Convoy, and is gone to Antwerp, where he intends to reſide during the Winter. Some Funds have been agreed on, which will ſuffice for providing Bread and Forage, 'till January next, for the Imperial and Palatine Troops, conſiſting of forty ſix Squadrons and twelve Battalions. Several others were propoſed and taken into Conſideration; but that Buſineſs could not be entirely finiſhed during his Grace's ſtay here. However it is hoped that the whole, which is demanded 'till May next, will be ſettled at the Hague, whither the Dutch Deputies that uſually reſide in this Town, are likewiſe gone to aſſiſt in that Matter. The Garriſon which is appointed to Winter in this Place, is to March in this Day. We have nothing new from France concerning the Armies in Spain, ſince our laſt Advices, which being contradictory in ſeveral Particulars, we muſt wait for more ſure and certain Accounts from other Hands.

Hague, November 25. *N. S.* Sir Edward Whitaker arrived in the Maeſe the 23d Inſtant, with the Squadron appointed to Convoy the Duke of Marlborough to England. The Baron de Bothmar, Envoy-Extraordinary from the Elector of Hanover, is preparing to go at the ſame time with his Grace on Board one of the Queen's Yachts, which is ordered to receive him. Mr. Moleſworth, her Britannick Majeſty's Envoy-Extraordinary to the Great Duke of Tuſcany, is arrived here from England. Three Deputies are come hither from Liege, in order to ſollicit the States-General for a Diminution of the Contributions demanded of their Country, for the Subſiſtance of the Imperial Troops. The Duke of Marlborough's Baggage, and ſome of his Servants are arrived here. His Grace and the Prince of Savoy deſign to leave Bruſſels this Day. They will embark at Antwerp to Morrow, and are expected here the ſame Day, or on Thurſday Morning. Some Advices from Paris relating to the Affairs in Spain, inſinuate, that King Charles having paſſed the Tagus with his Army, was retiring into Catalonia by the way of the Kingdom of Valentia or Arragon; tho' they own at the ſame time, that General Staremberg continued to fortify Toledo, and to erect a Magazine in that Place. Other Letters ſay, that part of his Catholick Majeſty's Army had paſſed the Tagus, but it was not known upon what Deſign. However it did not appear that they were retiring, ſince they ſtill kept Poſſeſſion both of Madrid and Toledo; and a Valet de Chambre of the Duke of Alva, who left the Enemy's Camp at Caſa-Texada the 7th Inſtant, has brought Letters which do not ſpeak of the Retreat of our Army, but only mention ſome Movements made by ſeveral Bodies of our Troops towards Aranjuez, which ſeemed to be for the better Diſpoſition of their Winter Quarters, ſome of our Forces being poſted at Pinto, Valdemoro, and other Places in that Neighbourhood. The Duke of Vendome hath been ill of the Gout, but being upon his Recovery, he waited for a Reinforcement of the Troops under the Command of the Marquis de Bay, and when they had joined him, he propoſed to haraſs and alarm our Poſts with his Horſe, which would by that junction be pretty ſtrong, and in a better Condition than at preſent; but the Rains, which fall continually, incommode the Troops very much, and make it impracticable to undertake any conſiderable Enterpriſe at this Seaſon.

Portſmouth, November 18. On the 16th Inſtant the Wind being fair, five Dutch Men of War, with the Dutch Merchant-men and Hamburghers under their Convoy, put out to Sea; but the Wind ſhifting on a ſudden to the Southward and South-Weſt, and blowing a freſh Gale, they were forced back to Spithead.

Members